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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 17, 23, and 33 as follows:

-- 1. (Three times amended) A cervical cap comprising:
a rim member dimensioned to fit a patient's exocervix;
a cap dome extending from the rim member to cover the exocervix and having an opening to allow fluid flow out of the cap dome, the cap dome being custom-molded to substantially completely conform to the shape of the patient's cervix; and
a valve associated with the opening, constructed to allow outflow while preventing fluid flow into said cap dome.

17. (Three Times Amended) A cervical cap comprising (a) a cap body that is constructed to cover the exocervix and prevent ingress of sperm and fluids and includes a cap dome that is custom-molded to substantially completely conform to the shape of the patient's cervix, and (b) a portion, associated with the cap body, that is impregnated or coated with a

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